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**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Niebuhr et al.  
Serial No.: 10/849,618  
Filed: 05/19/2004  
Art Unit: 1773  
Examiner: Zacharia, Ramsey E.  
Title: **COMPOSITE VEHICLE PART AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING A COMPOSITE VEHICLE PART**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action of June 21, 2006, please amend the application as follows: